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15 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

17 Plaintiff,

18 v.

19 PEDRAM MEHRAN,

20 Defendant.

No. 2:24-cr-84-GW

PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT  
PEDRAM MEHRAN

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22 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between Pedram Mehran  
23 ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central  
24 District of California (the "USAO") in the above-captioned case. This  
25 agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any other federal,  
26 state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or  
27 regulatory authorities.  
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DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

2. Defendant agrees to:

a. At the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to count one of the indictment in United States v. Pedram Mehrian, No. 2:24-cr-84-GW, which charges defendant with wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

b. Not contest the Factual Basis agreed to in this agreement.

c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.

d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter.

e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not within the scope of this agreement.

f. Be truthful at all times with the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office and the Court.

g. Pay the applicable special assessment at or before the time of sentencing unless defendant has demonstrated a lack of ability to pay such assessments.

h. Defendant agrees that any and all criminal debt ordered by the Court will be due in full and immediately. The government is not precluded from pursuing, in excess of any payment schedule set by the Court, any and all available remedies by which to

1 satisfy defendant's payment of the full financial obligation,  
2 including referral to the Treasury Offset Program.

3 i. Complete the Financial Disclosure Statement on a form  
4 provided by the USAO and, within 30 days of defendant's entry of a  
5 guilty plea, deliver the signed and dated statement, along with all  
6 of the documents requested therein, to the USAO by either email at  
7 usacac.FinLit@usdoj.gov (preferred) or mail to the USAO Financial  
8 Litigation Section at 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 7516, Los  
9 Angeles, CA 90012. Defendant agrees that defendant's ability to pay  
10 criminal debt shall be assessed based on the completed Financial  
11 Disclosure Statement and all required supporting documents, as well  
12 as other relevant information relating to ability to pay.

13 j. Authorize the USAO to obtain a credit report upon  
14 returning a signed copy of this plea agreement.

15 k. Consent to the USAO inspecting and copying all of  
16 defendant's financial documents and financial information held by the  
17 United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office.

18 THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

19 3. The USAO agrees to:

20 a. Not contest the Factual Basis agreed to in this  
21 agreement.

22 b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained  
23 in this agreement.

24 c. At the time of sentencing, move to dismiss the  
25 remaining counts of the indictment as against defendant. Defendant  
26 agrees, however, that at the time of sentencing the Court may  
27 consider any dismissed charges in determining the applicable  
28 Sentencing Guidelines range, the propriety and extent of any

1 departure from that range, and the sentence to be imposed. Defendant  
2 further agrees that he may be treated as if he had been convicted of  
3 the dismissed charges for purposes of U.S.S.G. § 1B1.2(c), regardless  
4 of whether the factual basis below would be sufficient to satisfy all  
5 elements of each charge. Defendant waives the right to challenge the  
6 sufficiency of the factual basis as to any element of any dismissed  
7 charge.

8           d. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant  
9 demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offense up to  
10 and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction  
11 in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to  
12 U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an  
13 additional one-level reduction if available under that section.

14           e. With respect to count one, recommend that defendant be  
15 sentenced to a term of imprisonment no higher than the low end of the  
16 applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, provided that the offense  
17 level used by the Court to determine that range is 18 or higher and  
18 provided that the Court does not depart downward in offense level or  
19 criminal history category. For purposes of this agreement, the low  
20 end of the Sentencing Guidelines range is that defined by the  
21 Sentencing Table in U.S.S.G. Chapter 5, Part A, without regard to  
22 reductions in the term of imprisonment that may be permissible  
23 through the substitution of community confinement or home detention  
24 as a result of the offense level falling within Zone B or Zone C of  
25 the Sentencing Table. The parties also agree that the government may  
26 respond to a request by defendant for a sentence below the  
27 government's recommendation.

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

4. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count one, that is, wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, the following must be true:

a. *First*, the defendant knowingly participated in, devised, or intended to devise a scheme or plan to defraud for the purpose of obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises. Deceitful statements of half-truths may constitute false or fraudulent representations. In determining whether a scheme to defraud exists, you may consider not only the defendant's words and statements but also the circumstances in which they are used as a whole.

b. *Second*, the statements made as part of the scheme were material; that is, they had a natural tendency to influence, or were capable of influencing, a person to part with money or property.

c. *Third*, the defendant acted with the intent to defraud, that is, the intent to deceive and cheat.

d. *Fourth*, the defendant used, or caused to be used, an interstate wire communication to carry out or attempt to carry out an essential part of the scheme.

PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

5. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for crime charged in count one, that is, wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, is: 20 years' imprisonment; a three-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the

1 offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of  
2 \$100.

3 6. Defendant understands that defendant will be required to  
4 pay full restitution to the victim(s) of the offense to which  
5 defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that, in return for  
6 the USAO's compliance with its obligations under this agreement, the  
7 Court may order restitution to persons other than the victim(s) of  
8 the offense to which defendant is pleading guilty and in amounts  
9 greater than those alleged in the count to which defendant is  
10 pleading guilty. In particular, defendant agrees that the Court may  
11 order restitution to any victim of any of the following for any  
12 losses suffered by that victim as a result: (a) any relevant conduct,  
13 as defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with the offense to  
14 which defendant is pleading guilty ; and (b) any counts dismissed  
15 pursuant to this agreement as well as all relevant conduct, as  
16 defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with those counts. The  
17 parties currently believe that the applicable amount of restitution  
18 is approximately \$599,500, but recognize and agree that this amount  
19 could change based on facts that come to the attention of the parties  
20 prior to sentencing.

21 7. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period  
22 of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject  
23 to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that  
24 if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised  
25 release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part  
26 of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the  
27 offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could  
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1 result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than  
2 the statutory maximum stated above.

3 8. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant  
4 may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic  
5 rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm,  
6 the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury. Defendant  
7 understands that he is pleading guilty to a felony and that it is a  
8 federal crime for a convicted felon to possess a firearm or  
9 ammunition. Defendant understands that the conviction in this case  
10 may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences,  
11 including but not limited to revocation of probation, parole, or  
12 supervised release in another case and suspension or revocation of a  
13 professional license. Defendant understands that unanticipated  
14 collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw  
15 defendant's guilty plea.

16 9. Defendant and his counsel have discussed the fact that, and  
17 defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States  
18 citizen, the conviction in this case makes it practically inevitable  
19 and a virtual certainty that defendant will be removed or deported  
20 from the United States. Defendant may also be denied United States  
21 citizenship and admission to the United States in the future.  
22 Defendant understands that while there may be arguments that  
23 defendant can raise in immigration proceedings to avoid or delay  
24 removal, removal is presumptively mandatory and a virtual certainty  
25 in this case. Defendant further understands that removal and  
26 immigration consequences are the subject of a separate proceeding and  
27 that no one, including his attorney or the Court, can predict to an  
28 absolute certainty the effect of his conviction on his immigration



1 status. Defendant nevertheless affirms that he wants to plead guilty  
2 regardless of any immigration consequences that his plea may entail,  
3 even if the consequence is automatic removal from the United States.

4 FACTUAL BASIS

5 10. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the  
6 offense to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant and  
7 the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree  
8 that this statement of facts is sufficient to support a plea of  
9 guilty to the charge described in this agreement and to establish the  
10 Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 12 below but is  
11 not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the  
12 underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that  
13 relate to that conduct.

14 Between on or about May 2020, and continuing through at least  
15 September 2020, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of  
16 California, and elsewhere, defendant, together with others known and  
17 unknown, knowingly and with the intent to defraud, devised,  
18 participated in, and executed a scheme to defraud the United States  
19 Small Business Administration ("SBA") as to material matters, and to  
20 obtain money and property by means of material false and fraudulent  
21 pretenses, representations, and promises, and the concealment of  
22 material facts, transmitting and causing the transmission of wire  
23 communications in interstate commerce for the purpose of executing  
24 the scheme to defraud.

25 Specifically, at all relevant times, the Economic Injury  
26 Disaster Loan Program ("EIDL") was a SBA program that provided low-  
27 interest financing to small businesses, renters, and homeowners in  
28 regions affected by declared disasters. Congress authorized the SBA



1 to provide EIDL loans of up to \$2 million to eligible small  
2 businesses experiencing substantial financial disruption due to the  
3 COVID-19 pandemic.

4 Between in or about May 2020 and December 2020, defendant  
5 submitted and caused to be submitted EIDL applications that contained  
6 material false statements, specifically in applications to the SBA  
7 for EIDL loans on behalf of Strong Faith LLC, Family Financial  
8 Strategies, Inc., Mehrian Senior Lifestyle Movement LLC, Trans 26  
9 Integrated Services LLC, and Supreme Executive Authority LLC  
10 (together, the "MEHRIAN Entities").

11 In each application, defendant made and caused to be made false  
12 statements, representations, and promises to the SBA in connection  
13 with obtaining EIDL loan funds for the MEHRIAN Entities, including by  
14 misrepresenting the number of employees of the applicant entity, and  
15 by providing false information regarding the revenue, cost of goods  
16 sold, lost profits due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and business purpose  
17 of the applicant entity. Defendant admits these misrepresentations  
18 were material, that is, they had a natural tendency to influence, or  
19 were capable of influencing, the SBA or one of its representatives to  
20 part with money or property from the EIDL program.

21 In each loan agreement, defendant falsely certified that all  
22 information submitted in or with each loan application was true and  
23 accurate.

24 By his materially false and fraudulent statements and his  
25 concealment of material facts, defendant MEHRIAN caused the SBA to  
26 approve EIDL loans and to disburse EIDL loan proceeds to which he and  
27 the MEHRIAN Entities were not entitled, which proceeds were deposited  
28 into bank accounts that were controlled by defendant MEHRIAN.

1 From in or about May 2020 and continuing until at least in or  
2 about December 2020, in furtherance of the scheme, defendant MEHRIAN  
3 submitted and caused to be submitted fraudulent EIDL loan  
4 applications that resulted in the SBA disbursing approximately  
5 \$599,900 in EIDL proceeds to which he was not entitled.

6 Defendant caused the transmission of interstate wire  
7 communications in the Central District of California for the purpose  
8 of executing the scheme, including but not limited to the transfer of  
9 approximately \$8,000 from the SBA in Colorado to the Supreme  
10 Executive Account in Los Angeles, California on June 30, 2020.

11 SENTENCING FACTORS

12 11. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's  
13 sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing  
14 Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures  
15 under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set  
16 forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the  
17 Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have  
18 any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated  
19 Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the  
20 Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will  
21 be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds  
22 appropriate up to the maximum set by statute for the crime of  
23 conviction.

24 12. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable  
25 Sentencing Guidelines factors:

26 Base Offense Level: 7 U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(a)(1)

1 Loss more than \$550,000 +14 U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(H)  
2 Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue that additional  
3 specific offense characteristics, adjustments, and departures under  
4 the Sentencing Guidelines are appropriate.

5 13. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to  
6 defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.

7 14. Defendant and the USAO reserve the right to argue for a  
8 sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing  
9 Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1),  
10 (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

11 WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

12 15. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant  
13 gives up the following rights:

- 14 a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.  
15 b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.  
16 c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if  
17 necessary have the Court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant  
18 understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be  
19 represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the Court appoint  
20 counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.  
21 d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the  
22 burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty  
23 beyond a reasonable doubt.  
24 e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses  
25 against defendant.  
26 f. The right to testify and to present evidence in  
27 opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the  
28 attendance of witnesses to testify.

1 g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if  
2 defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that  
3 choice not be used against defendant.

4 h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses,  
5 Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial  
6 motions that have been filed or could be filed.

7 WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

8 16. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal  
9 based on a claim that defendant's guilty plea was involuntary, by  
10 pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to  
11 appeal defendant's conviction on the offense to which defendant is  
12 pleading guilty. Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but  
13 is not limited to, arguments that the statute to which defendant is  
14 pleading guilty is unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the  
15 statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support  
16 defendant's plea of guilty.

17 LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE AND COLLATERAL ATTACK

18 17. Defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the  
19 following: (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and  
20 impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment  
21 imposed by the Court, including, to the extent permitted by law, the  
22 constitutionality or legality of defendant's sentence, provided it is  
23 within the statutory maximum; (c) the fine imposed by the Court,  
24 provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) to the extent  
25 permitted by law, the constitutionality or legality of defendant's  
26 sentence, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (e) the amount  
27 and terms of any restitution order, provided it requires payment of  
28 no more than \$599,500; (f) the term of probation or supervised

1 release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory  
2 maximum; and (g) any of the following conditions of probation or  
3 supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in  
4 Second Amended General Order 20-04 of this Court; the drug testing  
5 conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and the  
6 alcohol and drug use conditions authorized by 18 U.S.C. § 3563(b)(7).

7 18. Defendant also gives up any right to bring a post-  
8 conviction collateral attack on the conviction or sentence, including  
9 any order of restitution, except a post-conviction collateral attack  
10 based on a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, a claim of  
11 newly discovered evidence, or an explicitly retroactive change in the  
12 applicable Sentencing Guidelines, sentencing statutes, or statutes of  
13 conviction. Defendant understands that this waiver includes, but is  
14 not limited to, arguments that the statute to which defendant is  
15 pleading guilty is unconstitutional, and any and all claims that the  
16 statement of facts provided herein is insufficient to support  
17 defendant's plea of guilty.

18 19. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the  
19 sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and  
20 (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment within or above the  
21 range corresponding to offense level 21 and the criminal history  
22 category calculated by the Court, the USAO gives up its right to  
23 appeal any portion of the sentence, with the exception that the USAO  
24 reserves the right to appeal the amount of restitution ordered if  
25 that amount is less than \$599,500.

26 WAIVER OF RIGHTS CONCERNING PLEA COLLOQUY AND FACTUAL BASIS

27 20. Defendant agrees that: (i) any statements made by  
28 defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing; (ii) the agreed to

1 factual basis statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence  
2 derived from such statements, shall be admissible against defendant  
3 in any action against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up  
4 any claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410  
5 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of  
6 Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or  
7 any evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are  
8 inadmissible.

9 Defendant further agrees that this paragraph of the agreement is  
10 severable. Thus, defendant's waivers are binding and effective even  
11 if, subsequent to defendant's signing this agreement, defendant  
12 declines to plead guilty, the Court declines to accept his guilty  
13 plea, or, if this agreement is of the type described in Federal Rule  
14 of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(A) or (c)(1)(C), the Court rejects  
15 this agreement. Defendant also agrees that his waivers are binding  
16 and effective even if some other portion of this agreement is found  
17 to be invalid by this Court or the Ninth Circuit.

18 RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

19 21. Defendant agrees that if, after entering a guilty plea  
20 pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds  
21 in withdrawing defendant's guilty plea on any basis other than a  
22 claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was  
23 involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its  
24 obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to  
25 pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result  
26 of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations  
27 will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
28 agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and

1 (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute  
2 of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy  
3 trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent  
4 that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this  
5 agreement.

6 RESULT OF VACATUR, REVERSAL, OR SET-ASIDE

7 22. Defendant agrees that if the count of conviction is  
8 vacated, reversed, or set aside, both the USAO and defendant will be  
9 released from all their obligations under this agreement.

10 EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

11 23. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of  
12 all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an  
13 Assistant United States Attorney.

14 BREACH OF AGREEMENT

15 24. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the  
16 signature of this agreement and execution of all required  
17 certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant  
18 United States Attorney, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of  
19 defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO  
20 may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations  
21 are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the  
22 USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have  
23 cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing.  
24 If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds  
25 such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously  
26 entered a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not  
27 be able to withdraw the guilty plea, and (b) the USAO will be  
28 relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.



1        25. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this  
2 agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge  
3 that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement,  
4 then:

5            a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of  
6 limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this  
7 agreement and the filing commencing any such action.

8            b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on  
9 the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any  
10 speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the  
11 extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's  
12 signing this agreement.

13            COURT AND UNITED STATES PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SERVICES

14            OFFICE NOT PARTIES

15        26. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States  
16 Probation and Pretrial Services Office are not parties to this  
17 agreement and need not accept any of the USAO's sentencing  
18 recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing  
19 factors.

20        27. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are  
21 free to: (a) supplement the Factual Basis by supplying relevant  
22 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services  
23 Office and the Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements  
24 relating to the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and  
25 determination of sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral  
26 review that the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the  
27 sentence it chooses to impose are not error, although each party  
28 agrees to maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 12 are

1 consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits  
2 both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual  
3 information to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services  
4 Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed  
5 as inconsistent with the agreed upon Factual Basis in this agreement,  
6 this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations  
7 not to contest the Factual Basis agreed to in this agreement.

8       28. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any  
9 sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions  
10 different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the  
11 maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason,  
12 withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain bound to  
13 fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant  
14 understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney,  
15 or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding  
16 the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within  
17 the statutory maximum.

18                               NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

19       29. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein,  
20 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO  
21 and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional  
22 promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a  
23 writing signed by all parties or on the record in court.

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PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING

30. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

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DAVID MENNINGER  
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Attorney for Defendant Pedram  
Mehrian

Date

CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charge and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other reason.

  
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PEDRAM MEHRIAN  
Defendant

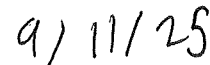
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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

I am Pedram Mehrian's attorney. I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement.



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SAM CROSS  
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Mehrian



Date